

MOONLIT GARDEN

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Design Inspiration

This suit was created for the American Stitches Bridal and Evening Gown Contest. The pants suit reflects my preferred style of tailored, elegant clothing. The embroidery provides the embellishment that turns this austere pants suit into a luxurious evening ensemble.

Fabrics

Jacket and pants: 4-ply silk crepe.

Embellishments

Jacket: embroidery designs from Viking card #15.

Patterns

Jacket: Simplicity 8433.

Pants: Butterick 5572.

Special Sewing Techniques

The designs were embroidered before the pattern pieces were completely cut out. A heat-away stabilizer was used to ensure that the stabilizer could be removed completely from the garment and preserve the soft hand of the fabric. The jacket is a classic example of modern soft-tailoring techniques and has a funnel neckline and welt pockets in the side front panels. The high-waisted pants have a waistline stay to ensure that they stay in place when worn. Both garments are fully lined.

Exhibitions and Awards

1st place, American Stitches Bridal and Evening Gown Contest, September 1998.